

HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 2

Amendment No. 2 to HB0072

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Signature of Sponsor

**AMEND Senate Bill No. 246**

**House Bill No. 72\***

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by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section of the bill as amended and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_ Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-120(b), is further amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (b)(1) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (b)(2):

(2)(A) For purposes of this subsection, "dangerous dogs and/or dogs causing death or serious injury to other animals" does not include a dog or dogs that, in the course of guarding or defending livestock, kill or otherwise attack or injure an animal or animals that have come onto real property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by such dog's or dogs' owner or caretaker. The purpose of the foregoing exception is to create a rebuttable presumption in courts of competent jurisdiction in favor of such dogs' actions in response to animals coming on to real property upon which such dogs are guarding or defending livestock.

(B) For purposes of this subsection, "livestock" means all equine as well as animals that are being raised primarily for use as food or fiber for human utilization or consumption including, but not limited to, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and poultry.